

## **CHAPTER 1. VACCINES AND TEMPERATURE-SENSITIVE MEDICAL PRODUCTS**

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### **1-1. THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL MATERIEL AGENCY (USAMMA) DISTRIBUTION OPERATIONS CENTER (MCMR-MMO-SO)**

a. The *DOD Directive 6205.3* sets DOD policy for the use of vaccines for biological defense and designates the US Army as the DOD Executive Agent for the DOD Immunization Program for Biological Warfare Defense.

b. In 1998 the USAMMA was tasked with coordinating the distribution of anthrax vaccine from the manufacturer to DOD medical facilities. To accomplish this mission and in support of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program (AVIP), USAMMA established the Distribution Operations Center (DOC) to work closely with tri-Service field and fixed medical activities. It is structured within the USAMMA's Force Sustainment Directorate and an integral part of the DoD Military Vaccine (MILVAX) Agency. (Reference Department of the Army (DA) Supply Bulletin (SB) *SB 8-75-S1*, paragraph 3-8, dated 20 January 2007.)

c. Subsequently, in 2002 the DOC was also tasked with coordinating the DoD distribution of smallpox vaccine from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to DOD medical facilities for the Smallpox Vaccine Program (SVP).

d. The USAMMA DOC also supports other DoD and Federal agencies when shipping Temperature-Sensitive Medical Products (TSMPs) to ensure the cold chain is maintained. (Reference DA *SB 8-75-11*, dated 30 November 2006, paragraph 9-8, b.) It also supports critical medical products to include Investigational New Drugs (INDs) and Foreign Military Sales (FMS).

e. In addition to its DoD areas of responsibility, the DOC is also the Service Inventory Control Point for the Army's Influenza Virus (Flu) Vaccine.

f. To minimize loss of product and expedite delivery of vaccine to requesting sites, the DOC performs redistribution of these vaccines when required. It also maintains and provides supporting TSMP equipment to sites when needed.

g. The USAMMA's DOC creates, publishes, and disseminates Medical Materiel Quality Control (MMQC) messages to DOD medical facilities providing advanced notification of pending expiration dates of anthrax vaccine and smallpox vaccine. The DOC also creates, publishes, and disseminates MMQC messages to DOD medical facilities providing program, policy, and guidance for anthrax vaccine and smallpox vaccine, and Medical Materiel Information (MMI) messages to Army facilities reflecting program policy and guidance related to influenza vaccine. (Reference DA *SB 8-75-S1*, dated 20 January 2007, paragraph 4-6, and *SB 8-75-11*, dated 30 November 2006, paragraph 4-2.)

#### **h. Sources of Information**

(1) Direct any questions regarding these vaccines and TSMPs to the USAMMA DOC at the following address and/or website:

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(2) The USAMMA DOC World Wide Web (WWW) site: available on the USAMMA Homepage at <http://www.usamma.army.mil>, select "Vaccines and Temperature Sensitive Products" and follow appropriate prompts; or

(3) Go directly to the USAMMA DOC website:  
<http://www.usamma.army.mil/vaccines/vaccines.cfm>